



CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THOMAS M. MENINO

November 1, 2010

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order to accept the provisions of Appendix 120.AA of the Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards also known as the Stretch Energy Code, for the City of Boston.

The City has been a national leader in green building policy and reducing energy demand and emissions of greenhouse gases. Municipalities have a local option to adopt a portion of the building code with more stringent energy efficiency standards that lower the total lifetime cost of building ownership and operation. Adoption of the Stretch Energy code will improve the energy efficiency of buildings, reduce total lifetime costs to property owners and tenants, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create jobs and increase the amount of economic activity that is retained within our local economy.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF APPENDIX 120.AA OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE STETCH ENERGY CODE

WHEREAS, the City of Boston understands the importance and benefits of reducing energy demand and emissions of greenhouse gases and was the first city in the nation to incorporate the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards into Boston's zoning review process; and

WHEREAS, improving the energy efficiency of buildings will reduce total lifetime costs to property owners and tenants, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create jobs and increase the amount of economic activity that is retained within our local economy; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have a local option to adopt a version of the Commonwealth's building code with more stringent energy efficiency standards that lower the total lifetime cost of building ownership and operation (the "Stretch Code"); and

WHEREAS, adoption of this version requires "local acceptance," which under the City of Boston "Plan A" Form of government, requires the approval of City Council and the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that accepting the Code would be in the best interests of the City;

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Climate Action Leadership Committee and Community Advisory Committee have recommended that the City of Boston adopt the Massachusetts Stretch Code or equivalent; it is hereby

ORDERED: that the Boston City Council hereby accepts the provisions of Appendix 120.AA of the Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards also known as the Stretch Energy Code, for the City of Boston. (A copy of the full Code is on file in the City Clerk Office.)

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**


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